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LEADER OF UK CONSERVATIVE PARTY, MARGARET THATCHER (S/S
NO. 7503177)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HARTMAN THROUGH SONNENFELDT

1. MARGARET THATCHER TOOK OVER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UK
CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN THE SECOND ROUND OF BALLOTING BY
TORY MP'S ON FEBRUARY 11. IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR
YOU TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH MRS. THATCHER IN HER NEW
CAPACITY, AT AN EARLY DATE. THIS WOULD CONFORM WITH YOUR
PRACTICE OF MEETING WITH THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION WHEN-
EVER PRACTICABLE. YOUR STOP IN LONDON FEBRUARY 17-18 OF-
FERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A MEETING, WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE
EITHER BEFORE YOUR DINNER ON THE SEVENTEENTH OR AT BREAK-
FAST-ON THE EIGHTEENTH SUBJECT OF COURSE TO WHATEVER AR-
RANGEMENTS -YOU MAY MAKE TO MEET IRISH PM FITZGERALD.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

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OPTION 1: THAT YOU AGREE TO MEET WITH MRS. THATCHER BEFORE
DINNER ON THE SEVENTEENTH.

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OPTION 2: ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU MEET WITH MRS.
THATCHER FOR BREAKFAST ON THE EIGHTEENTH.

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3. EMBASSY LONDON COULD BE INSTRUCTED TO ARRANGE THE
MEETING IF YOU CONCUR. INGERSOLL

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